

the United Kingdom. Mercury One-2-One's PCS is a form of digital cellular communications designed to offer consumer users both a higher quality of service and more features at lower prices than existing cellular communications systems.

Discontinuance of Capital Assets Segment

In June, 1993, in connection with its decision to concentrate its resources and efforts on developing its telecommunications business, U S WEST determined to treat its capital assets business segment (the "Capital Assets Segment") as a discontinued operation and announced its intention to dispose of the businesses comprising that segment. U S WEST's remaining business segment, "Communications and Related Services," comprises the continuing operations of U S WEST.

The Capital Assets Segment includes U S WEST Financial Services, Inc. ("U S WEST Financial Services"), which provided a variety of financial services to clients, an approximately 92% interest in Financial Security Assurance Holdings Ltd. ("FSA"), which provides financial guarantee insurance policies for corporate and municipal clients and U S WEST Real Estate, Inc., which holds a portfolio of real estate assets. On December 7, 1993, U S WEST Financial Services closed a transaction pursuant to which it sold to NationsBank Corporation assets representing approximately \$2.0 billion of U S WEST Financial Services' business and finance receivables, on a consolidated basis.

On October 12, 1993, FSA filed a registration statement with respect to a proposed underwritten initial public offering of 12 million shares of its common stock. In December, 1993, the proposed public offering was postponed indefinitely. U S WEST is continuing to explore its strategic alternatives with respect to FSA, which include a public offering or other disposition of the business.

U S WEST's Continuing Operations

U S WEST Communications. U S WEST Communications was formed January 1, 1991, when Northwestern Bell Telephone Company ("Northwestern Bell") and Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone Company ("Pacific Northwest Bell") were merged into The Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company ("Mountain States"), which simultaneously changed its name to U S WEST Communications, Inc. U S WEST acquired ownership of Mountain Bell, Northwestern Bell and Pacific Northwest Bell on January 1, 1984, when American Telephone and Telegraph Company ("AT&T") transferred its ownership interests in these three wholly-owned operating telephone companies to U S WEST. This divestiture was made pursuant to a court-approved consent decree entitled the "Modification of Final Judgment" ("MFJ") which arose out of an antitrust action brought by the United States Department of Justice against AT&T.

Operations of U S WEST Communications. U S WEST Communications serves approximately 80% of the population in the U S WEST Region and approximately 40% of the land area. At December 31, 1993, U S WEST Communications had approximately 13,843,000 telephone network access lines in service, a 3.7% increase over year end 1992.

Under the terms of the MFJ, the U S WEST Region was divided into 29 geographical areas called "Local Access and Transport Areas" ("LATAs") with each LATA generally centered on a metropolitan area or other identifiable community of interest. The principal types of telecommunications services offered by U S WEST Communications are (i) local service, (ii) intraLATA long distance network service and (iii) exchange access service (which connects customers to the facilities of interLATA service providers). For the year ended December 31, 1993, local service, exchange access service and intraLATA long distance network service accounted for 37%, 27% and 14%, respectively, of the sales and other revenues of U S WEST's continuing operations. In 1993, revenues from a single customer, AT&T, accounted for approximately 11% of the sales and other revenues of U S WEST's continuing operations.

U S WEST Communications incurred capital expenditures of approximately \$2.2 billion in 1993 and expects to incur approximately \$2.3 billion in 1994. The 1993 capital expenditures of U S WEST

Communications were substantially devoted to the continued modernization of telephone plant, including investments in fiber optic cable and the conversion of central offices to digital technology, in order to improve customer services and network productivity.

Central to U S WEST Communications' operations in 1993 were its initial efforts respecting the Broadband Network and the Restructuring Plan. See "Recent Developments — U S WEST Communications."

Regulation of U S WEST Communications. U S WEST Communications is subject to varying degrees of regulation by state commissions with respect to intrastate rates and service, and access charge tariffs. Under traditional rate of return regulation, intrastate rates are generally set on the basis of the amount of revenues needed to produce an authorized rate of return.

U S WEST Communications has sought alternative forms of regulation ("AFOR") plans which provide for competitive parity, enhanced pricing flexibility and improved capability in bringing to market new products and services. In a number of states where AFOR plans have been adopted, such actions have been accompanied by requirements to refund revenues, reduce existing rates or upgrade service, any of which could have adverse short-term effects on earnings. Similar agreements may have resulted under traditional rate of return regulation. (See "State Regulatory Issues" under Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations on p. 21 of the 1993 Annual Report, which is incorporated by reference herein.)

U S WEST Communications is also subject to the jurisdiction of the FCC with respect to interstate access tariffs (that specify the charges for the origination and termination of interstate communications) and other matters. U S WEST's interstate services have been subject to price cap regulation since January 1991. Price caps are a form of incentive regulation and, ostensibly, limit prices rather than profits. However, the FCC's price cap plan includes sharing of earnings in excess of authorized levels with interexchange carriers. The Company believes that competition will ultimately be the determining factor in pricing telecommunications services. In January, 1994, the FCC announced that it will begin reviewing its current form of regulation.

In September, 1993, the FCC adopted licensing rules for Personal Communications Services ("PCS") and announced that it would auction the spectrum frequencies available for PCS in late 1994. PCS offers users mobile voice and data communications capabilities similar to existing analog cellular service. U S WEST intends to pursue PCS opportunities as they become available.

Competition. Historically, communications, entertainment and information services were provided by different companies in different industries. The convergence of these technologies is changing both the competitive environment and the way U S WEST does business. This convergence, which is being fueled by technological advances, will lead to more intense competition from companies with which U S WEST has not historically competed. U S WEST became the first of the regional holding companies to potentially compete beyond its region through its investment in TWE. (See "TWE Investment" under "Recent Developments.")

U S WEST Communications' principal current competitors are competitive access providers ("CAPs"). Competition from CAPs is currently limited to providing large business customers (with high-volume traffic) private line access to the facilities of interexchange carriers. In coming years, CAPs could also become significant competitors for other local exchange services. MCI announced plans in early 1994 to build fiber-optic rings and local switching infrastructures in major metropolitan markets, hence providing the ability to compete directly with the local telephone company. Additionally, AT&T's entrance into the cellular communications market through its proposed acquisition of McCaw Cellular Communications Inc. has the potential to create increased competition in local exchange as well as cellular services. The loss of local exchange customers to competitors would affect multiple revenue streams, including those related to local and access services, and long-distance network services, and could have a material, adverse effect on the Company's operations.

Competition from long-distance companies continues to erode U S WEST Communications' market share of intraLATA long-distance services such as WATS and "800." These revenues have declined over the last several years as customers have migrated to interexchange carriers that have the ability to offer these services on both an intraLATA and interLATA basis. U S WEST and its affiliates are prohibited from providing interLATA long-distance services.

The actions of state and federal public policymakers will play an important role in determining how increased competition affects U S WEST. The Company is working with regulators and legislators to help ensure that public policies keep pace with our rapidly changing industry — and allow the Company to bring new services to the marketplace.

U S WEST supports regulatory reform. It is increasingly apparent that the legal and regulatory framework under which the Company operates, which includes restrictions on equipment manufacturing, prohibitions on cross-ownership of cable TV by telephone companies and the provision of cable TV programming content, and restrictions on the transport of voice, video and data across LATA boundaries, limits both competition and consumer choice. U S WEST believes that it is in the public interest to lift these restrictions and to place all competitors under the same rules to ensure the industry's technological development and long-term financial health.

For an additional discussion respecting competition, see "Other Items" in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations on page 18 of the 1993 Annual Report, which is incorporated by reference herein.

Other U S WEST Subsidiaries and Investments. Other continuing operations include subsidiaries engaged in (i) publishing services, primarily "Yellow Pages" and other directories, (ii) designing, engineering and operating mobile telecommunications systems, (iii) cellular and land-line telecommunications, network infrastructure and cable television businesses in certain foreign countries, and (iv) entertainment services.

U S WEST Marketing Resources Group, Inc. ("Marketing Resources"), which accounted for about 9% of U S WEST's 1993 revenues from continuing operations, publishes nearly 300 white and yellow page directories in 14 states. Marketing Resources competes with local and national publishers of directories, as well as other advertising media such as newspapers, magazines, broadcast media and direct mail. Marketing Resources intends to focus on enhancing core products, developing and packaging new information products through new and existing databases.

U S WEST NewVector Group, Inc. ("NewVector"), which accounted for approximately 5% of U S WEST's 1993 revenues from continuing operations, provides communications and information products and services, including cellular and radio communications services, over wireless networks in 31 Metropolitan Service Areas and 34 Rural Service Areas, primarily located in the U S WEST Region. Competition for full service cellular customers is currently limited to holders of the two cellular licenses granted in a given cellular market. Despite its rapid growth, the cellular industry is faced with many challenges including the introduction of new technologies, increased competition and an uncertain regulatory environment.

U S WEST Multimedia Communications, Inc. ("Multimedia Communications") was formed to manage the TWE Investment, and has primary responsibility for aiding U S WEST in achieving its strategic goal of becoming a leading provider of interactive, integrated communications, entertainment and information services in the U S WEST Region and other selected domestic and international markets.

Multimedia Communications is also responsible for identifying and pursuing alliances, acquisitions and/or investments that complement U S WEST's strategy. U S WEST is seeking to strengthen its national out-of-region presence by acquiring or forming alliances with other communications, entertainment and information services companies throughout the United States. The first major step toward that goal was the TWE Investment made in September, 1993. See "Recent Developments —

TWE Investment." U S WEST intends to pursue additional out-of-region opportunities that complement its out-of-region strategy and believes that through the TWE Investment and those other opportunities it will be able to provide a variety of integrated communications, entertainment and information products and services to users through multimedia broadband networks across the United States. However, U S WEST's ability to pursue certain of those opportunities with third parties may be limited by the TWE Agreement.

During 1993, U S WEST continued expanding its international ventures, which include investments in cable television and telecommunications, wireless communications including PCS, and international networks. See "Recent Developments — Personal Communications Services." U S WEST's net investment in international ventures approximated \$477 million at December 31, 1993, approximately 70% of which is in the United Kingdom.

Because U S WEST's international investments are in new, developing businesses, they typically are in a high growth, investment phase for several years and do not show net income or positive cash flow until they become more mature. Consequently, start-up losses, which are part of the expected investment in these businesses, will continue in the near term. The Company's future commitment to international ventures is currently planned at about \$450 million over the next five years. The Company will continue to pursue opportunities in attractive local markets around the world that fit its strategic objectives.

ITEM 2. PROPERTIES

The properties of U S WEST do not lend themselves to description by character and location of principal units. At December 31, 1993, the majority of U S WEST property was utilized in providing telecommunications services by U S WEST Communications. Substantially all of U S WEST Communications' central office equipment is located in owned buildings situated on land owned in fee, while many garages and administrative and business offices are in leased quarters. For information regarding the distribution of property, plant and equipment at December 31, 1993, reference is made to Schedule V on page S-1.

ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

On May 12, 1992, an alleged shareholder of U S WEST filed an amended class action complaint (the "Amended Complaint") in the United States District Court for the District of Colorado against U S WEST and various individuals, including certain present and former officers of U S WEST (the "Defendants"). *Rosenbaum v. U S WEST, Inc. et al*, Civ. Action No. 91-B-2164 (D. Colo. filed May 12, 1992). The Amended Complaint challenged the Defendants' actions in connection with U S WEST's real estate activities and planned work force reductions, including its December, 1991 decision to write down certain assets of U S WEST Real Estate, and related disclosures, and alleged violations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Securities Act of 1933 and the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission. This litigation was settled by the parties and the terms of the settlement were approved by the court in November, 1993. In connection with the settlement, U S WEST issued to certified class members non-transferable rights (the "Rights") to purchase shares of common stock directly from U S WEST on a commission-free basis at a 3% discount from the average of the high and low trading prices of such stock on the New York Stock Exchange on February 23, 1994, the pricing date designated in accordance with the settlement. Class members exercised approximately 5.6 million of these Rights and, in March, 1994, approximately 5.6 million shares of U S WEST common stock were issued pursuant to the settlement.

ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS.

Not applicable.

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF U S WEST

Pursuant to General Instructions G(3), the following information is included as an additional item in Part I:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Date Assumed Present Position</u>
A. Gary Ames (1)	President & Chief Executive Officer of U S WEST Communications	49	1990
James T. Anderson	Vice President & Treasurer	54	1984
J. Thomas Bouchard	Senior Vice President & Chief Human Resources Officer	53	1989
Richard J. Callahan	Executive Vice President, U S WEST, & President, U S WEST International and Business Development Group	52	1988
Charles M. Lillis	Executive Vice President & Chief Planning Officer	52	1987
Richard D. McCormick	Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer & President	53	1986(2)
James M. Osterhoff	Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer	57	1991
Lorne G. Rubis	Vice President	43	1992(3)
Charles P. Russ III	Executive Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary	49	1992(4)
Judith A. Servoss	Vice President	48	1987
James H. Stever	Executive Vice President	50	1993(5)

- (1) Mr. Ames, while not an officer of U S WEST, performs significant policy making functions equivalent to those typically performed by an officer.
- (2) Mr. McCormick was appointed Chief Executive Officer on January 1, 1991, and was elected Chairman of the Board effective May 1, 1992.
- (3) Mr. Rubis was elected Vice President effective June 6, 1992.
- (4) Mr. Russ was elected Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary effective June 8, 1992.
- (5) Mr. Stever was elected Executive Vice President-Public Policy effective January 8, 1993.

Executive Officers are not elected for a fixed term of office, but serve at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Each of the above executive officers has held a managerial position with U S WEST or an affiliate of U S WEST since 1989, except for Messrs. Osterhoff, Rubis and Russ. Mr. Osterhoff was Vice President — Finance and Chief Financial Officer of Digital Equipment Corporation from 1985 to 1991. Mr. Rubis was Vice President — Quality for U S WEST International and Business Development Group, a division of U S WEST, from 1991 to 1992; Director — Quality and Service Improvement for U S WEST NewVector Group, Inc., a subsidiary of U S WEST, from 1990 to 1991. Prior to joining the U S WEST family, Mr. Rubis worked as an independent labor relations consultant and as co-founder and principal of Workplace One, Ltd., a Canadian-based consulting firm, from 1979 to 1988. In 1988, he merged his firm with Deltapoint Corp., a Seattle-based Quality Improvement consulting firm. Mr. Russ was Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel of NCR Corporation from February, 1984 to June, 1992.

PART II

ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS.

The information required by this item is included on page 47 of the 1993 Annual Report under the heading "Note 14: Quarterly Financial Data (Unaudited)" and is incorporated herein by reference. The U.S. markets for trading in U S WEST common stock are the New York Stock Exchange and the Pacific Stock Exchange. As of December 31, 1993, U S WEST common stock was held by approximately 836,328 shareholders of record.

ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA.

The information required by this item is included on page 3 of the 1993 Annual Report under the heading "Financial Highlights" and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS.

The information required by this item is included on pages 12 through 26 of the 1993 Annual Report and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 8. CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA.

The information required by this item is included on pages 28 through 47 of the 1993 Annual Report and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE.

Not applicable.

PART III

ITEM 10. DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGISTRANT.

The information required by this item with respect to executive officers is set forth in Part I, page 10, under the caption "Executive Officers of U S WEST."

The information required by this item with respect to Directors is included in the U S WEST definitive Proxy Statement dated March 17, 1994 ("Proxy Statement") under "Election of Directors" on pages 4 and 5 and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION.

The information required by this item is included in the Proxy Statement under "Executive Compensation" on pages 14 through 21 and "Compensation of Directors" on page 10 and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT.

The information required by this item is included in the Proxy Statement under "Securities Owned by Management" on page 3 and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS.

Not applicable.

PART IV

ITEM 14. EXHIBITS, FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES, AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K.

- (a) The following independent accountants' report and consolidated financial statements are incorporated by reference in Part II of this report on Form 10-K:

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(1) Report of Independent Accountants	27
(2) Consolidated Financial Statements:	
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Financial statement schedules other than those listed above have been omitted because the required information is contained in the financial statements and notes thereto, or because such schedules are not required or applicable.

- (b) Reports on Form 8-K:

U S WEST filed the following reports on Form 8-K during the fourth quarter of 1993:

(i) report dated October 13, 1993 relating to a press release announcing the filing by Financial Security Assurance Holdings of an initial public offering of 12,000,000 shares of common stock;

(ii) report dated October 19, 1993 relating to a release of earnings for the period ended September 30, 1993;

(iii) report dated November 10, 1993 filing the U.S. version of a form of Underwriting Agreement among U S WEST, Inc., Goldman, Sachs & Co., Lehman Brothers Inc., Merrill Lynch & Co., Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated, and Salomon Brothers, Inc. and the international version of a form of Underwriting Agreement among U S WEST, Inc., Goldman Sachs International Limited, Lehman Brothers International (Europe), Merrill Lynch International Limited, Morgan Stanley International, and Salomon Brothers International Limited; and

(iv) report dated December 8, 1993 restating the condensed consolidated financial statements of Financial Security Assurance Inc. for nine months ended September 30, 1993 and 1992, as amended by Forms 8-K/A dated December 13 and 28, 1993.

(c) Exhibits:

Exhibits identified in parentheses below, on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), are incorporated herein by reference as exhibits hereto.

**Exhibit
Number**

- (3a) — Articles of Incorporation of U S WEST, Inc. dated September 22, 1983 (Exhibit 3a to Registration Statement No. 2-87861).
- (3a.1) — Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of U S WEST, Inc. dated June 6, 1988 (Exhibit 3b to Form 10-K, date of report March 29, 1989, File No. 1-8611).
- (3a.2) — Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of U S WEST, Inc. dated May 3, 1991 (Exhibit 3c to Form SE filed on March 5, 1992, File No. 1-8611).
- 3b — Bylaws of the Registrant as amended December 3, 1993.
- 4 — No instrument which defines the rights of holders of long and intermediate term debt of U S WEST, Inc. and all of its subsidiaries is filed herewith pursuant to Regulation S-K, Item 601(b)(4)(iii)(A). Pursuant to this regulation, the Registrant hereby agrees to furnish a copy of any such instrument to the SEC upon request.
- (10a) — Reorganization and Divestiture Agreement dated as of November 1, 1983, between American Telephone and Telegraph Company and its affiliates, U S WEST, Inc., The Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company, Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone Company and NewVector Communications, Inc. (Exhibit 10a to Form 10-K, date of report March 8, 1984, File No. 1-3501).
- (10b) — Shared Network Facilities Agreement dated as of January 1, 1984, between American Telephone and Telegraph Company, AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc., The Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company, Northwestern Bell Telephone Company and Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone Company (Exhibit 10b to Form 10-K, date of report March 8, 1984, File No. 1-3501).
- (10c) — Agreement Concerning Termination of the Standard Supply Contract effective December 31, 1983, between American Telephone and Telegraph Company, Western Electric Company, Incorporated, The Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company, Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone Company and Central Services Organization (Exhibit 10d to Form 10-K, date of report March 8, 1984, File No. 1-3501).
- (10d) — Agreement Concerning Certain Centrally Developed Computer Systems effective December 31, 1983, between American Telephone and Telegraph Company, Western Electric Company, Incorporated, The Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company, Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone Company and Central Services Organization (Exhibit 10e to Form 10-K, date of report March 8, 1984, File No. 1-3501).
- (10e) — Agreement Concerning Patents, Technical Information and Copyrights effective December 31, 1983, between American Telephone and Telegraph Company and U S WEST, Inc. (Exhibit 10f to Form 10-K, date of report March 8, 1984, File No. 1-3501).
- (10f) — AMPS Software Agreement effective December 31, 1983, between American Telephone and Telegraph Company and NewVector Communications, Inc. (Exhibit 10h to Form 10-K, date of report March 28, 1984, File No. 1-8611).

**Exhibit
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- (10g) — Agreement Concerning Contingent Liabilities, Tax Matters and Termination of Certain Agreements dated as of November 1, 1983, between American Telephone and Telegraph Company, U S WEST, Inc., The Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company, Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone Company and NewVector Communications, Inc. (Exhibit 10h to Form 10-K, date of report March 8, 1984, File No. 1-3501).
- (10h) — Agreement Concerning Trademarks, Trade Names and Service Marks effective December 31, 1983, between American Telephone and Telegraph Company, American Information Technologies Corporation, Bell Atlantic Corporation, BellSouth Corporation, Cincinnati Bell, Inc., NYNEX Corporation, Pacific Telesis Group, The Southern New England Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Corporation and U S WEST, Inc. (Exhibit 10i to Form 10-K, date of report March 8, 1984, File No. 1-3501).
- (10i) — U S WEST Executive Short Term Incentive Plan (Exhibit 10i to Form 10-K filed March 19, 1993, File No. 1-8611).
- (10j) — Financial Counseling Program for Officers of U S WEST (Exhibit 10-ee to Registration Statement No. 2-87861).
- (10k) — U S WEST Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors (Exhibit 10-ff to Registration Statement No. 2-87861).
- (10l) — Description of U S WEST Insurance Plan of Non-Employee Directors' Travel and Accident Insurance (Exhibit 10-gg to Registration Statement No. 2-87861).
- (10m) — Extract from the U S WEST Management Pension Plan regarding limitations on and payments of pension amounts which exceed the limitations contained in the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (Exhibit 10-hh to Registration Statement No. 2-87861).
- (10n) — U S WEST Executive Non-Qualified Pension Plan (Exhibit 10o to Form 10-K, date of report March 29, 1989, File No. 1-8611).
- (10o) — U S WEST Deferred Compensation Plan (Exhibit 10o to Form SE filed March 5, 1992, File No. 1-8611).
- (10p) — Description of U S WEST Directors' Retirement Benefit Plan (Exhibit 10p to Form SE filed March 5, 1992, File No. 1-8611).
- (10q) — U S WEST Stock Incentive Plan (Exhibit 10r to Form 10-K, date of report March 29, 1989, File No. 1-8611).
- (10r) — Shareholders' Agreement dated as of January 1, 1988 among Ameritech Services, Inc., Bell Atlantic Management Services, Inc., BellSouth Services Incorporated, NYNEX Service Company, Pacific Bell, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, The Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company, Northwestern Bell Telephone Company and Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone Company (Exhibit 10r to Form SE filed March 5, 1992, File No. 1-8611).
- (10s) — U S WEST Senior Management Long Term Disability and Survivor Protection Plan (Exhibit 10-dd to Registration Statement No. 2-87861).
- (10t) — U S WEST Mid-Career Pension Plan (Exhibit 10u to Form 10-K, date of report March 29, 1989, File No. 1-8611).
- (10u) — Form of Executive Severance Agreement (Exhibit 10v to Form SE filed on March 6, 1990, File No. 1-8611).

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	
(10v)	— Form of U S WEST, Inc. Non-Incentive Stock Option Agreement Under the Stock Incentive Plan (Exhibit 10v to Form 10-K, filed March 19, 1993, File No. 1-8611).
(10w)	— Form of U S WEST, Inc. Restricted Stock Agreement Under the Stock Incentive Plan (Exhibit 10w to Form 10-K filed March 19, 1993, File No. 1-8611).
(10x)	— Employment letter from Richard D. McCormick to James M. Osterhoff dated November 1, 1991 (Exhibit 10x to Form 10-K filed March 19, 1993, File No. 1-8611).
(10y)	— Assignment Agreement, dated July 13, 1993, between U S WEST Overseas Operations, Inc. and Richard J. Callahan (Exhibit (10a) to Form 10-Q filed November 5, 1993).
(10z)	— Agreement for Services, dated July 13, 1993, between U S WEST, Inc. and Richard J. Callahan (Exhibit (10b) to Form 10-Q filed November 5, 1993).
(10aa)	— Admission Agreement dated as of May 16, 1993 between Time Warner Entertainment Company, L.P. and U S WEST, Inc. (Exhibit 10 to Form 8-K filed May 24, 1993).
11	— Statement Re Computation of Per Share Earnings.
12	— Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges of U S WEST, Inc. and U S WEST Financial Services, Inc.
13	— 1993 Annual Report to Shareowners.
21	— Subsidiaries of U S WEST, Inc.
23	— Consent of Independent Accountants
24	— Powers of Attorney.
99a	— Financial Statements of Financial Security Assurance, a 92% owned subsidiary of U S WEST for the year ended December 31, 1993.
99b	— Annual Report on Form 11-K for the U S WEST Savings Plan/ESOP for Salaried Employees for the year ended December 31, 1993, to be filed by amendment.
99c	— Annual Report on Form 11-K for the U S WEST Savings and Security Plan/ESOP for the year ended December 31, 1993, to be filed by amendment.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Englewood, State of Colorado, on March 17, 1994.

U S WEST, Inc.

By /s/ JAMES M. OSTERHOFF

James M. Osterhoff
*Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer*

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the date indicated.

Principal Executive Officer
/s/ Richard D. McCormick*

Chairman of the Board, President
and Chief Executive Officer

Principal Financial Officer:
/s/ James M. Osterhoff*

Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

Directors:

/s/ Richard B. Cheney*
/s/ Remedios Diaz-Oliver*
/s/ Grant A. Dove*
/s/ Mary M. Gates*
/s/ Allan D. Gilmour*
/s/ Pierson M. Grieve*
/s/ Shirley M. Hufstedler*
/s/ Allen F. Jacobson*
/s/ Richard D. McCormick*
/s/ Frank P. Popoff*
/s/ Glen L. Ryland*
/s/ Jerry O. Williams*
/s/ Daniel Yankelovich*

*By /s/ JAMES M. OSTERHOFF

James M. Osterhoff
(for himself and as Attorney-in-Fact)

Dated March 17, 1994

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Our report on the consolidated financial statements of U S WEST, Inc., which includes an explanatory paragraph regarding the discontinuance of accounting for the operations of U S WEST Communications, Inc. in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 71, "Accounting for the Effects of Certain Types of Regulation," in 1993, and a change in the method of accounting for postretirement benefits other than pensions and other postemployment benefits in 1992, has been incorporated by reference in this Form 10-K from page 27 of the 1993 Annual Report to Shareowners of U S WEST, Inc. In connection with our audits of such consolidated financial statements, we have also audited the related consolidated financial statement schedules listed in the index on page 13 of this Form 10-K for the years ended December 31, 1993, 1992 and 1991.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statement schedules referred to above, when considered in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole, present fairly, in all material respects, the information required to be included therein.

/s/ COOPERS & LYBRAND

COOPERS & LYBRAND
Denver, Colorado
January 20, 1994

U S WEST, Inc.

SCHEDULE V — PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

(Dollars in millions)

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Balance at beginning of period</u>	<u>Additions at cost (a)</u>	<u>Retirements (b)</u>	<u>Other changes (c)</u>	<u>Balance at end of period</u>
YEAR 1993					
Land and buildings	\$ 2,433.1	\$ 105.7	\$ 26.5	\$ 9.1	\$ 2,521.4
Telephone network equipment and outside plant	21,242.7	1,646.0	643.1	233.5	22,479.1
Other	3,245.0	613.3	317.2	27.6	3,568.7
Construction in progress	682.6	76.2	0.0	(166.6)	592.2
Total	<u>\$27,603.4</u>	<u>\$2,441.2</u>	<u>\$ 986.8</u>	<u>\$ 103.6</u>	<u>\$29,161.4</u>
YEAR 1992					
Land and buildings	\$ 2,317.9	\$ 140.0	\$ 21.1	\$ (3.7)	\$ 2,433.1
Telephone network equipment and outside plant	20,040.0	1,717.9	638.2	123.0	21,242.7
Other	3,359.3	506.1	711.3	90.9	3,245.0
Construction in progress	658.1	190.2	0.0	(165.7)	682.6
Total	<u>\$26,375.3</u>	<u>\$2,554.2</u>	<u>\$1,370.6</u>	<u>\$ 44.5</u>	<u>\$27,603.4</u>
YEAR 1991					
Land and buildings	\$ 2,241.2	\$ 104.1	\$ 37.5	\$ 10.1	\$ 2,317.9
Telephone network equipment and outside plant	19,310.1	1,624.4	942.7	48.2	20,040.0
Other	3,227.1	480.6	481.8	133.4	3,359.3
Construction in progress	586.1	216.4	0.0	(144.4)	658.1
Total	<u>\$25,364.5</u>	<u>\$2,425.5</u>	<u>\$1,462.0</u>	<u>\$ 47.3</u>	<u>\$26,375.3</u>

NOTE: Certain reclassifications within the schedule have been made to conform to the current year presentation.

- (a) Additions include transfers from construction in progress and interest charged to construction.
- (b) Items of telephone plant, when retired or sold, are deducted from the property accounts at the amounts at which they are included. These amounts are estimated if not specifically identifiable. Telephone network equipment and outside plant includes the retirement of approximately \$302 of fully depreciated customer premises wiring for 1991.
- (c) Includes transfers from construction in progress, adjustments resulting from physical inventories and prior year reclassifications.

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SCHEDULE VI — ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION

(Dollars in millions)

Classification	Balance at beginning of period	Additions charged to expense	Retirements (a)	Other changes (b)	Balance at end of period
YEAR 1993					
Buildings	\$ 530.0	\$ 80.5	\$ 23.1	\$ 68.6	\$ 656.0
Telephone network equipment and outside plant	7,821.9	1,408.9	629.5	4,787.8	13,389.1
Other	1,305.1	452.2	229.9	357.1	1,884.5
Total	<u>\$9,657.0</u>	<u>\$1,941.6</u>	<u>\$ 882.5</u>	<u>\$5,213.5</u>	<u>\$15,929.6</u>
YEAR 1992					
Buildings	\$ 465.5	\$ 71.8	\$ 18.5	\$ 11.2	\$ 530.0
Telephone network equipment and outside plant	7,078.8	1,359.9	635.9	19.1	7,821.9
Other	1,538.0	425.9	677.6	18.8	1,305.1
Total	<u>\$9,082.3</u>	<u>\$1,857.6</u>	<u>\$1,332.0</u>	<u>\$ 49.1</u>	<u>\$ 9,657.0</u>
YEAR 1991					
Buildings	\$ 435.6	\$ 81.2	\$ 30.7	\$ (20.6)	\$ 465.5
Telephone network equipment and outside plant	6,684.2	1,319.1	954.7	30.2	7,078.8
Other	1,523.3	394.3	404.2	24.6	1,538.0
Total	<u>\$8,643.1</u>	<u>\$1,794.6</u>	<u>\$1,389.6</u>	<u>\$ 34.2</u>	<u>\$ 9,082.3</u>

NOTE: Certain reclassifications within the schedule have been made to conform to the current year presentation.

- (a) Telephone network equipment and outside plant includes the retirement of approximately \$302 of fully depreciated customer premises wiring for 1991.
- (b) Consists principally of removal costs and salvage received from disposal, and the 1993 increase in accumulated depreciation recorded in conjunction with the company's decision to discontinue accounting for the operations of U S WEST Communications in accordance with SFAS No. 71, "Accounting for the Effects of Certain Types of Regulation." The impact on accumulated depreciation by class of plant follows:

Buildings	\$ 80
Telephone network equipment and outside plant	4,723
Other	348
Total	<u>\$5,151</u>

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SCHEDULE VIII — VALUATION AND QUALIFYING ACCOUNTS

(Dollars in millions)

	<u>Balance at beginning of period</u>	<u>Charged to expense</u>	<u>Charged to other accounts</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Balance at end of period</u>
CONTINUING OPERATIONS:					
ALLOWANCE FOR CREDIT LOSSES					
Year 1993	\$ 59.0	\$ 83.4(a)	\$ 0.8	\$ 89.2(b)	\$ 54.0
Year 1992	59.2	88.9(a)	10.5	99.6(b)	59.0
Year 1991	57.9	104.3(a)	(0.2)	102.8(b)	59.2
RESERVES RELATED TO 1993 BUSINESS RESTRUCTURING, INCLUDING FORCE AND FACILITY CONSOLIDATION					
Year 1993	\$ 0.0	\$1,000.0	\$ 0.0	\$ 64.3	\$935.7
RESERVES RELATED TO 1991 BUSINESS RESTRUCTURING, INCLUDING FORCE REDUCTIONS AND THE WRITE-OFF OF CERTAIN INTANGIBLE ASSETS					
Year 1993	\$215.8	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0	\$120.4	\$ 95.4
Year 1992	313.7	0.0	0.0	97.9	215.8
Year 1991	0.0	363.8	0.0	50.1	313.7
DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS:					
ALLOWANCE FOR CREDIT LOSSES					
Year 1993	\$ 62.8	\$ 64.4	\$(52.5)(c)	\$ 64.7(b)	\$ 10.0
Year 1992	61.5	20.3	7.1	26.1(b)	62.8
Year 1991	48.7	31.3	13.5	32.0(b)	61.5
LOSS RESERVE ON FINANCIAL GUARANTEES (d)					
Year 1993	\$ 72.4	\$ 102.7	\$ 0.0	\$139.0	\$ 36.1
Year 1992	12.4	67.5	0.0	7.5	72.4
Year 1991	0.0	12.4	0.0	0.0	12.4
OTHER (e)					
Year 1993	\$ 86.3	\$ 0.2	\$ 3.3	\$ 89.7(c)	\$ 0.1
Year 1992	83.8	0.0	8.7	6.2	86.3
Year 1991	96.5	0.0	6.4	19.1	83.8
RESERVES RELATED TO 1991 BUSINESS RESTRUCTURING, INCLUDING REAL ESTATE VALUATION ALLOWANCE AND 1993 PROVISION FOR LOSS ON DISPOSAL OF THE CAPITAL ASSETS SEGMENT					
Year 1993	\$402.5	\$ 120.0(f)	\$ 0.0	\$186.0	\$336.5
Year 1992	500.0	0.0	0.0	97.5	402.5
Year 1991	0.0	551.1	0.0	51.1	500.0

NOTE: Certain reclassifications within the schedule have been made to conform to the current year presentation.

- (a) Does not include amounts charged directly to expense. These amounts were \$9.5, \$8.9 and \$7.2 for 1993 1992 and 1991, respectively.
- (b) Represents credit losses written off during the period, less collection of amounts previously written off.
- (c) Primarily due to sale of U S WEST Financial Services finance receivables and assets.
- (d) The company adopted SFAS No. 113, "Accounting and Reporting for Reinsurance of Short-Duration and Long-Duration Contracts" in 1993. SFAS No. 113 requires reinsurance receivables to be reflected as assets rather than netted against the loss reserve. Prior years have been restated for comparability.
- (e) Primarily valuation allowance related to the 1990 purchase of a \$294 face amount mobile home loan portfolio for \$197.
- (f) Provision for estimated loss on disposal of the Capital Assets Segment of \$100 and an additional provision of \$20 to reflect the cumulative effect on deferred taxes of the 1993 federally mandated increase in income tax rates.

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SCHEDULE IX — SHORT-TERM BORROWINGS

(Dollars in millions)

	Balance at end of period	End of period weighted average interest rate	Maximum amount outstanding during the period (a)	Average amount outstanding during the period (b)	Weighted average interest rate during the period (c)
YEAR 1993					
Commercial paper	\$1,027.7	2.77%	\$2,875.5	\$1,367.5	3.27%
Other	1.6	4.81%	26.2	16.8	7.50%
Current portion of long-term debt . . .	794.7	NA	NA	NA	NA
Allocated to discontinued operations . .	(47.8)	NA	NA	NA	NA
Total	<u>\$1,776.2</u>				
YEAR 1992					
Commercial paper	\$ 306.6	3.49%	\$ 561.3	\$ 328.2	4.07%
Other	35.5	6.75%	126.5	64.2	8.04%
Current portion of long-term debt . . .	329.7	NA	NA	NA	NA
Allocated to discontinued operations . .	(89.3)	NA	NA	NA	NA
Total	<u>\$ 582.5</u>				
YEAR 1991					
Commercial paper	\$ 267.0	5.00%	\$1,054.7	\$ 600.9	6.26%
Other	26.5	6.93%	39.7	17.5	7.44%
Current portion of long-term debt . . .	73.4	NA	NA	NA	NA
Total	<u>\$ 366.9</u>				

NOTE: Certain reclassifications within the schedule have been made to conform to the current year presentation.

- (a) Computed based on amounts outstanding at month end.
- (b) Computed as the cumulative monthly average divided by 12 months.
- (c) Computed by dividing the aggregate related interest expense by the average amount outstanding.

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SCHEDULE X — SUPPLEMENTARY INCOME STATEMENT INFORMATION

(Dollars in millions)

<u>Item</u>	<u>Charged to costs and expenses</u>		
	<u>1993</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1991</u>
Maintenance and repairs	\$1,594.3	\$1,522.0	\$1,425.3
Property taxes	305.9	258.8	291.5
Gross receipts taxes	77.2	74.0	94.3
Advertising	116.7	100.2	90.3

NOTE: Certain reclassifications within the schedule have been made to conform to the current year presentation.

ATTACHMENT 7

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 10-K

☒ **ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**
for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1994

OR

☐ **TRANSACTION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**
for the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File No. 1-8611

U S WEST, Inc.

A Colorado
Corporation

I.R.S. Employer Identification
No. 84-0926774

7800 East Orchard Road, Englewood, Colorado 80111
Telephone Number (303) 793-6500

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

<u>Title of each class</u>	<u>Name of each exchange in which registered</u>
Common Stock (without par value)	New York Stock Exchange Pacific Stock Exchange
Liquid Yield Option Notes, due 2011 (convertible to common stock under certain circumstances)	New York Stock Exchange

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

None

At January 31, 1995, 468,435,778 shares of common stock were outstanding.

At January 31, 1995, the aggregate market value of the voting stock held by non-affiliates was approximately \$18,250,730,316.

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes X No

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE.

Portions of the Registrant's 1994 Annual Report to Shareowners are incorporated by reference into Parts I, II and IV.

Portions of the Registrant's definitive Proxy Statement dated March 16, 1995, to be issued in connection with the 1995 Annual Meeting of Shareowners are incorporated by reference into Parts II and III.

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of Registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. [X]

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PART I

ITEM 1. Business.

General

U S WEST, Inc. ("U S WEST") was incorporated under the laws of the State of Colorado and has its principal executive offices at 7800 East Orchard Road, Englewood, Colorado 80111, telephone number (303) 793-6500. U S WEST is a diversified global communications company engaged in the telecommunications, directory publishing, marketing and, most recently, entertainment services businesses. Telecommunications services are provided by U S WEST's principal subsidiary, U S WEST Communications, Inc., to more than 25 million residential and business customers in the states of Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming (collectively, the "U S WEST Region"). Directory publishing, marketing and entertainment services as well as cellular mobile communications services are provided by other U S WEST subsidiaries to customers both inside and outside the U S WEST Region. (Financial information concerning U S WEST's operations is set forth in the Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes thereto in the U S WEST 1994 Annual Report to Shareowners (the "1994 Annual Report"), which is incorporated herein by reference.) U S WEST and its subsidiaries had 61,505 employees at December 31, 1994.

Recent Developments

U S WEST Communications

Development of Multimedia Network. In 1993, U S WEST announced its intention to build a multimedia telecommunications network (the "Multimedia Network") capable of providing voice, data and video services to customers within the U S WEST Region. U S WEST expects that it will ultimately deliver a variety of integrated communications, entertainment and information services and other high speed digital services, including data applications, through the Multimedia Network in selected areas of the U S WEST Region. These integrated services, including video-on-demand, targeted advertising, home shopping, interactive games, high-definition broadcast television and two-way, video telephony are expected to become available over time as the Multimedia Network develops. U S WEST began limited testing of its Multimedia Network in Omaha, Nebraska in December, 1994. A market trial will begin in 1995 in an area that will cover up to 50,000 homes. U S WEST is seeking approval from the Federal Communications Commission (the "FCC") to install Multimedia Network architecture in several other cities within the U S WEST Region. The results of the technical and market trials will be incorporated into the network configuration and future service offerings.

Re-engineering. U S WEST also announced in 1993 that U S WEST Communications would implement a plan (the "Re-engineering Plan") designed to provide faster, more responsive customer service and improved repair capabilities while reducing the costs of providing these services. Pursuant to the Re-engineering Plan, U S WEST Communications is developing new systems that will enable it to monitor networks to reduce the risk of service interruptions, activate telephone service on demand, provide automated inventory systems and centralize its service centers so that customers can have their telecommunications needs resolved with one phone call. U S WEST Communications is also gradually reducing its work force by approximately 9,000 employees and consolidating the operations of its existing 560 customer centers into 26 customer centers in ten cities. Implementation of the Re-engineering Plan is expected to extend into 1997, rather than being completed in 1996 as originally scheduled. In the third quarter of 1993, U S WEST accrued a one-time, after-tax charge of \$610 million for costs associated with the Re-engineering Plan, including employee training costs, severance benefits, employee relocations costs and building preparation and system installation costs. While U S WEST estimates that total employee and related costs will be reduced upon completion of the Re-engineering Plan, these savings are expected to be offset by the effects of inflation. (See "Restructuring Charges" under Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations on p. 14 of the 1994 Annual Report, which is incorporated by reference herein.)

Discontinuance of SFAS 71 Accounting. In 1993, U S WEST incurred a \$3.1 billion non-cash, extraordinary charge, net of an income tax benefit of \$2.3 billion, against its earnings in conjunction with its decision to discontinue accounting for the operations of U S WEST Communications in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 71, "Accounting for the Effects of Certain Types of Regulation" ("SFAS 71"). SFAS 71 generally applies to regulated companies that meet certain requirements, including a requirement that a company be able to recover its costs, notwithstanding competition, by charging its customers at prices established by a regulator. U S WEST's decision to discontinue accounting for the operations of U S WEST Communications in accordance with SFAS 71 is based on the belief that the development of multimedia technology, competition and market conditions, more than prices established by regulators, will determine the future cost recovery by U S WEST Communications. As a result of this accounting change, the remaining asset lives of U S WEST Communications' telephone plant were shortened to more closely reflect the useful life of such plant. U S WEST Communications' financial reporting for regulatory purposes was not affected by the change. U S WEST Communications expects that it will continue to work with regulators to set appropriate prices that reflect changing market conditions, including shorter asset lives.

Cable Investments

On December 6, 1994, U S WEST purchased Wometco Cable Corp. and Georgia Cable Holdings (the "Atlanta Cable Properties") for \$1.2 billion, consisting of \$745 million in cash and \$459 million in common stock. Together, the Atlanta Cable Properties serve about 65 percent of the cable customers in the metropolitan Atlanta area. U S WEST expects that it will eventually offer local exchange services as well as multimedia services in the Atlanta area as a result of this acquisition.

In 1993, U S WEST acquired 25.51% pro rata priority capital and residual equity interests in Time Warner Entertainment Company, L.P. ("TWE") for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$2.55 billion, consisting of approximately \$1.53 billion in cash and approximately \$1.02 billion in the form of a four-year promissory note bearing interest at a rate of 4.391% per annum (the "TWE Investment"). TWE owns and operates substantially all of the filmed entertainment (including Warner Bros.), programming (including HBO and Cinemax) and cable operations previously owned and operated by Time Warner Inc. TWE is the second-largest domestic multiple system cable operator, owning or operating 22 of the top 100 cable systems in the United States.

U S WEST has an option to increase its equity interests in TWE from 25.51% to 31.84%. The option is exercisable, in whole or in part, between January 1, 1999 and May 31, 2005 upon the attainment of certain earnings thresholds for an aggregate cash exercise price of \$1.25 billion to \$1.8 billion (depending on the year of exercise). At the election of U S WEST or TWE, the exercise price will be payable by surrendering a portion of the equity interests receivable upon exercise of such option. In connection with the TWE Investment, U S WEST acquired 12.75% of the common stock of Time Warner Entertainment Japan Inc., a joint venture company established to expand and develop the market for entertainment services in Japan.

Domestic Wireless Services

On July 25, 1994, AirTouch Communications ("AirTouch") and U S WEST announced an agreement to combine their domestic wireless operations. AirTouch's initial equity ownership of the wireless joint venture will be approximately 70 percent and U S WEST's will be 30 percent. This joint venture will provide U S WEST with an expanded wireless presence and economies of scale. The joint venture will have a presence in 9 of the top 20 cellular markets in the country. The transaction is expected to close in the second quarter of 1995 upon obtaining certain federal and state regulatory approvals. Each company's cellular operations initially will continue to operate as separate entities owned by the individual partners, but upon closing will report to a joint Wireless Management Company, which will provide support services.

A merger of the two companies' operations will take place upon the earlier of four years from July 25, 1994, the lifting of certain MFJ restrictions, or at AirTouch's option. The agreement gives U S WEST strategic flexibility, including the right to exchange its interest in the joint venture for up to 19.9 percent of

AirTouch common stock, with any excess amounts to be received in the form of AirTouch non-voting preferred stock. A Partnership Committee, led by the president and chief operating officer of AirTouch and three other AirTouch representatives, three U S WEST representatives and one mutually agreed upon independent representative will oversee the companies' domestic cellular operations.

On December 5, 1994, a partnership formed by the AirTouch/U S WEST joint venture and the Bell Atlantic/NYNEX partnership began bidding on personal communications services ("PCS") licenses that are being auctioned by the FCC. The combined companies own cellular licenses in 15 of the top 20 cities and serve over five million customers. The partnership, known as PCS PrimeCo, is eligible to bid for PCS licenses in 26 markets, representing more than 100 million POPS. This entity will be governed by a board made up of three members from the Bell Atlantic/NYNEX partnership and three members from the AirTouch/U S WEST joint venture. A second partnership will develop a national branding and marketing strategy and a common "look and feel" for both cellular and PCS customers. The cellular properties of Bell Atlantic/NYNEX will not be merged with those of AirTouch/U S WEST.

Personal Communications Services

In 1993, Mercury One-2-One, a 50-50 joint venture between U S WEST and Cable & Wireless PLC, launched the world's first commercial PCS in the United Kingdom. Mercury One-2-One's PCS is a digital cellular communications service designed to offer consumers higher quality service, increased privacy and more features at lower prices than existing cellular communications systems. To meet growing customer demand, Mercury One-2-One has expanded its coverage to reach 30 percent of the U.K. population.

TeleWest Initial Public Offering

In 1994, TeleWest Communications PLC ("TeleWest"), a venture with Tele-Communications, Inc., completed an initial public offering of its common stock. U S WEST's interest in TeleWest was reduced from 50 percent to 37.8 percent as a result of the offering, but based on the offering price, its interest is valued at U.S. \$1.1 billion. TeleWest is the largest provider of combined cable television and telephone service in the world. The combined services are provided over a multimedia network which has been designed to provide a wide range of interactive and integrated entertainment, telecommunication and information services as they become available in the future. TeleWest owns all or part of 23 franchises that encompass 3.6 million homes. Through TeleWest, U S WEST has gained experience in packaging video and telephone service that it utilizes in other parts of the world.

Discontinuance of Capital Assets Segment

In 1993, in connection with its decision to concentrate its resources and efforts on developing its telecommunications business, U S WEST determined to treat its capital assets business segment (the "Capital Assets segment") as a discontinued operation and announced its intention to dispose of the businesses comprising that segment. U S WEST's remaining business segment, "Communications and Related Services," comprises the continuing operations of U S WEST. U S WEST continues to make progress in disposing of its Capital Assets segment in accordance with its plan of disposition.

In May, 1994, U S WEST sold 7.5 million shares of Financial Security Assurance Holdings Ltd. ("FSA"), including 2 million shares to Fund American Enterprises Holdings, Inc. ("FEC"), in an initial public offering of FSA common stock. In June, 1994, an additional 600,000 shares were issued in connection with an over-allotment option. U S WEST received \$154 million in net proceeds from the offering. In conjunction with the sale of FSA shares to FEC, U S WEST issued 50,000 shares of a class of newly created cumulative redeemable preferred stock. FEC's voting rights in FSA increased to 21.0 percent through a combination of direct share ownership of common and preferred FSA shares and a voting trust agreement with U S WEST. U S WEST's voting rights are 49.8 percent.

During 1994, U S WEST Real Estate, Inc. continued the liquidation of its real estate portfolio, selling 12 buildings, six parcels of land and other assets for approximately \$327 million U S WEST expects that the liquidation of this portfolio will be substantially completed by 1998.

U S WEST's Continuing Operations

U S WEST Communications. U S WEST Communications was formed January 1, 1991, when Northwestern Bell Telephone Company ("Northwestern Bell") and Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone Company ("Pacific Northwest Bell") were merged into The Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company ("Mountain States"), which simultaneously changed its name to U S WEST Communications, Inc. U S WEST acquired ownership of Mountain Bell, Northwestern Bell and Pacific Northwest Bell on January 1, 1984, when American Telephone and Telegraph Company ("AT&T") transferred its ownership interests in these three wholly owned operating telephone companies to U S WEST. This divestiture was made pursuant to a court-approved consent decree entitled the "Modification of Final Judgment" ("MFJ") which arose out of an antitrust action brought by the United States Department of Justice against AT&T.

Operations of U S WEST Communications. U S WEST Communications serves approximately 80% of the population in the U S WEST Region and approximately 40% of the land area. At December 31, 1994, U S WEST Communications had approximately 14,336,000 telephone network access lines in service, a 3.6% increase over year end 1993.

Under the terms of the MFJ, the U S WEST Region was divided into 29 geographical areas called "Local Access and Transport Areas" ("LATAs") with each LATA generally centered on a metropolitan area or other identifiable community of interest. The principal types of telecommunications services offered by U S WEST Communications are (i) local service, (ii) exchange access service (which connects customers to the facilities of interLATA service providers), and (iii) intraLATA long distance network service. For the year ended December 31, 1994, local service, exchange access service and intraLATA long distance network service accounted for 37%, 27% and 12%, respectively, of the sales and other revenues of U S WEST's continuing operations. In 1994, revenues from a single customer, AT&T, accounted for approximately 10% of the sales and other revenues of U S WEST's continuing operations.

U S WEST Communications incurred capital expenditures of approximately \$2.45 billion in 1994 and expects to incur approximately \$2.1 billion in 1995. The 1994 capital expenditures of U S WEST Communications were substantially devoted to the continued modernization of telephone plant, including investments in fiber optic cable, in order to improve customer services and network productivity.

Central to U S WEST Communications' competitive strategy in 1994 were its efforts respecting the Multimedia Network and the Re-engineering Plan. See "Recent Developments — U S WEST Communications."

Regulation of U S WEST Communications. U S WEST Communications is subject to varying degrees of regulation by state commissions with respect to intrastate rates and service, and access charge tariffs. Under traditional rate of return regulation, intrastate rates are generally set on the basis of the amount of revenues needed to produce an authorized rate of return.

U S WEST Communications has sought alternative forms of regulations ("AFOR") plans which provide for competitive parity, enhanced pricing flexibility and improved capability in bringing to market new products and services. In a number of states where AFOR plans have been adopted, such actions have been accompanied by requirements to refund revenues, reduce existing rates or upgrade service, any of which could have adverse short-term effects on earnings. Similar agreements may have resulted under traditional rate of return regulation. (See "State Regulatory Issues" under Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations on p. 22 of the 1994 Annual Report, which is incorporated by reference herein.)

U S WEST Communications is also subject to the jurisdiction of the FCC with respect to interstate access tariffs (that specify the charges for the origination and termination of interstate communications) and

other matters. U S WEST's interstate services have been subject to price cap regulation since January 1991. Price caps are a form of incentive regulation and, ostensibly, limit prices rather than profits. However, the FCC's price cap plan includes sharing of earnings in excess of authorized levels. The Company believes that competition will ultimately be the determining factor in pricing telecommunications services. (See "Federal Regulatory Issues" under Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations on p. 21 of the 1994 Annual Report, which is incorporated by reference herein.)

Congress failed to pass telecommunications reform legislation in 1994. It is expected that new telecommunications legislation will be introduced in 1995. However, there is uncertainty concerning the scope and the direction of that legislation. U S WEST believes that it is in the public interest to lift all competitive restrictions, placing all competitors under the same rules. Such action would lead to wider consumer choices, and ensure the industry's technological development and long-term financial health.

Competition. U S WEST believes that the convergence of the communications, entertainment and information services businesses will lead to increased competition for U S WEST from companies in industries with which U S WEST did not historically compete. U S WEST Communications' principal competitors are competitive access providers ("CAPs") and interexchange carriers. In recent years, potential competitors have expanded to include cable television companies, combined cable television/telecommunications companies and cellular companies. Cable television companies are expected to increase competition by offering telecommunications and other information services. Combined cable television and telecommunications companies are expected to increase competition for local telephone and alternative exchange access services as well as those services expected to be available through the Multimedia Network. AT&T's entrance into the cellular communications market through its acquisition of McCaw Cellular Communications, Inc. may create increased competition in local exchange as well as cellular services.

Currently, competition from long distance companies is eroding U S WEST Communications' market share of intraLATA long distance services such as Wide Area Telephone Service and "800." These revenues have steadily declined over the last several years as customers have migrated to interexchange carriers who have the ability to offer these services on both an intraLATA and interLATA basis. U S WEST and its affiliates are prohibited from providing interLATA long distance services.

The impact of increased competition on the operations of U S WEST Communications will be influenced by the future actions of regulators and legislators who increasingly are advocating competition. The loss of local exchange customers to competitors would affect multiple revenue streams of U S WEST and could have a material adverse effect on its operations.

Other U S WEST Subsidiaries and Investments. Other continuing operations include subsidiaries engaged in (i) publishing services, primarily "Yellow Pages" and other directories, (ii) designing, engineering and operating mobile telecommunications systems, (iii) cellular and land-line telecommunications, network infrastructure and cable television businesses in certain foreign countries, and (iv) entertainment services.

U S WEST Marketing Resources Group, Inc. ("Marketing Resources"), which accounted for about 9% of U S WEST's 1994 revenues from continuing operations, publishes about 300 white and yellow page directories in the U S WEST Region. Marketing Resources competes with local and national publishers of directories, as well as other advertising media such as newspapers, magazines, broadcast media and direct mail. Marketing Resources intends to focus on enhancing core products, developing and packaging new information products through new and existing databases.

U S WEST NewVector Group, Inc. ("NewVector"), which accounted for approximately 7% of U S WEST's 1994 revenues from continuing operations, provides communications and information products and services, including cellular services, over wireless networks in 31 Metropolitan Service Areas and 34 Rural Service Areas, primarily located in the U S WEST Region. Competition for full service cellular customers is currently limited to holders of the two cellular licenses granted in a given cellular market. Despite its rapid growth, the cellular industry is faced with many challenges including the introduction of new technologies, increased competition and an uncertain regulatory environment. In 1994, NewVector agreed to combine its domestic wireless services with those of AirTouch, and to be part of a partnership including AirTouch, Bell